

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
COLORADO STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
PUBLIC MINUTES
August 6, 2009

Notice of this meeting was published at www.dora.state.co.us/veterinarians/publicnotices.htm, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting date.

I. CONVENE

The Open Session of the meeting for the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine was convened at One Civic Center Plaza, 1560 Broadway, 9th Floor Common, Denver, Colorado 80202, at 8:36 a.m. by Michael Gotchey, DVM, Board Vice-President.

In addition to Dr. Gotchey, were Board members:

Rudyard Cooper, Public Member
Joni Edwards, DVM, Professional Member
Richard Leone, DVM, Board Secretary
Kim Stone, DVM, Professional Member
Kristin Woestehoff, Professional Member
Stacy Worthington, Public Member

Staff:

Maulid Miskell, Program Director
Rosemary Baker, Administrative Assistant
Abigail Gaskins, Compliance Monitor
Rita Quinn, Assistant Attorney General
Lisa Jackson, Office of Expedited Settlement
Glenn Frank, Office of Investigations

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the June 11, 2009 meeting minutes.

III. REPORTS

• Report from Maulid Miskell, Program Director.

Mr. Miskell introduced the newly appointed Board members, Rudy Cooper and Dr. Kristin Woestehoff.

IV. CONTINUING EDUCATION

• Continuing Education Requests – Richard Leone, DVM

The bi-monthly requests were reviewed in advance by Dr. Leone. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all continuing education requests as submitted.

V. OPEN FORUM

John Pape from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment presented draft rules concerning C.R.S. 25-4-607, related to rabies vaccination exemptions for dogs and cats. CDPHE will also report to the Board at the October 8, 2009 meeting to inform them of the progress of those rule changes.

Ralph Johnson from CVMA discussed the upcoming convention from September 17th to 20th at Keystone Resort and Conference Center. Dr. Edwards, Dr. Gotchey, Dr. Leone, and Dr. Stone will be giving a presentation on September 17th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson also discussed the new animal chiropractic legislation.

Denise Mikita from CACVT presented three questions for the Board to consider in order to respond to the inquiry from Jennifer Lipovsky under New Business on the agenda.

1. Is skin suturing considered surgery?
2. Is stapling and suturing the same?
3. Are Certified Veterinary Technicians and Licensed Veterinary Technicians the same?

VI. NEW BUSINESS

• Election of Officers

A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect the following Board members as officers for the upcoming year:

Dr. Michael Gotchey, President
Dr. Richard Leone, Vice-President
Dr. Joni Edwards, Secretary

• Memorandum regarding Veterinary Technicians.

Denise Mikita from CACVT and Jennifer Lipovsky, CVT requested guidance from the Board regarding skin sutures. The Board advised that the decision was up to the supervising veterinarian on whether or not a veterinary technician could perform skin sutures on surgery patients. This is limited to skin sutures only.

• Memorandum regarding Castle Rock Fire Department.

The Board received a letter from Dr. Melanie Marsden requesting guidance regarding a request from the City of Fountain Fire Department to establish an Animal Response Unit. This unit would be able to respond to animals hit by cars, other traumas, poisoning, etc. but would not be comprised of veterinarians. The Board advised that the Colorado Veterinary Practice Act does not allow for this in its present form.

VII. LICENSING

• Memorandum regarding newly licensed Veterinarians. (Consent Item)

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all newly licensed Veterinarians either by exam or endorsement.

Yes Applications

• Memorandum regarding Academic Licensure for Melissa Arbaugh, DVM.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve for licensure pending information from the Arizona Board.

• Memorandum regarding licensure by endorsement for Julie Horton, DVM.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deny licensure based upon not fulfilling the requirement for a PAVE or ECFVG certificate. Dr. Horton may reapply once she has obtained the appropriate certification.

• Memorandum regarding reinstatement for Mark Kombert, DVM.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table his application until the Board could receive information from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in London, England. A motion was also made, seconded, and carried to Board initiate a complaint against Dr. Kombert in order to determine whether or not he has been engaged in the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine in Colorado. Another motion was made, seconded, and carried by the board to initiate a complaint and investigate whether Dr. Kombert's supervisor, Della Garelle, aided and abetted in the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine in the state of Colorado.

• **Gyula Joo, DVM #3768**
Case # 2005-0692

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the required records report.

• **Donald Kammerzell, DVM #5022**
Case # 2009-1259

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant termination from probation.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to enter into Executive Session at 2:17 p.m.

XIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to Open Session at 4:00 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURN

The Board formally adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at One Civic Center Plaza, Room 1380, Denver, CO 80202, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Approved by _____ Signed by *Michael Gotchey, DVM*
Board President

_____ *October 8, 2009*
Date